

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Original): A printer with a plurality of print recording material reservoirs equipped with memory devices, the printer comprising:

signal lines connecting via bus connection each memory device with which the plurality of print recording material reservoirs is equipped;

an attachment determining unit determining whether each of the plurality of print recording material reservoirs is attached; and

a communication determining unit determining whether communication is possible with each of the memory devices via the signal lines when all of the plurality of print recording material reservoirs is determined to be attached.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A printer in accordance with claim 1, further comprising:

a malfunctioning print recording material reservoir identifying unit identifying a print recording material reservoir in which a communication malfunction has developed, when the communication determining unit determines that communication is not possible with ~~all~~ any one of the memory devices.

Claim 3 (Original): A printer in accordance with claim 2, wherein the communication determining unit determines whether communication is possible with all of the memory devices, when the plurality of print recording material reservoirs has been moved to a position in which the print recording material reservoirs cannot be removed.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A method of communicating with a plurality of print recording material reservoirs equipped with memory devices, wherein the print recording material reservoirs are detachably mounted on a printer, the method comprising:

determining whether all of the plurality of print recording material reservoirs is ~~all~~ attached; and

determining whether communication is possible with each of the memory devices via ~~the~~ signal lines when all of the plurality of print recording material reservoirs is determined to be attached.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A method in accordance with claim 4, further comprising:
identifying a print recording material reservoir in which a communication malfunction
has developed, when ~~the communication determining unit determines~~ determining that
communication is not possible with ~~all~~ any one of the memory devices.

Claim 6 (Original): A method in accordance with claim 5, wherein the determining whether
communication is possible is implemented by determining whether communication is
possible with all of the memory devices, when the plurality of print recording material
reservoirs has been moved to a position in which the print recording material reservoirs
cannot be removed.